



Mr. Luke C. Martin

December 5, 1961 - March 25, 2025

It is with profound sadness and a heavy heart, that we announce the passing of our brother Luke Christopher Martin, of Lee. He died peacefully at home on March 25th. Luke was born on December 5th, 1961 the 6th of eleven children, to the late Arthur and Lois Chatel Martin.

He was a graduate of Lenox High School class of 1980. While in high school, highlights included being a cast member of the inaugural, 'Shakespeare in the Schools' led production of 'As You Like It' as well as an accomplished harrier on the cross country team.

Luke was a gifted tradesman, master builder and the consummate jack of all trades. Much of his talent was inherited from his father, whom he worked with constructing homes in Becket Woods. Later he became an intricate member of the construction team led by his brother Ted, and brothers Paul and Peter. From framing to finish carpentry, sheetrock to electrical, Luke was exceptional. His talents led him to become a trusted caretaker and handyman for various properties throughout South County, and most recently, he worked alongside his brother-in-law Chris on numerous engineered fabrication projects.

Luke's true calling was the outdoors, with an unrelenting passion for volunteering and making our world a better place.

For many, many years he groomed and maintained the trail system of Kennedy Park and served as a board member of the Kennedy Park

Commission. Countless hours were donated for this endeavor which included the construction of the Gazebo on Umbrella Hill, with Paul; many days culminated with building an evening blaze and the enjoyment of cold libations in the park.

He was also an active volunteer at Gould Meadows in Stockbridge, helped at Flag Rock on Monument Mountain and at the trailhead of Longcope Park in Lee. Luke would meticulously maintain the softball field on Marble Street in Lee, was an annual volunteer at the Josh Billings, and the list goes on. He made many friends during these adventures, including the late John Keator, with whom he constructed the annual pumpkin-lit trek to the Backwoods Bar and Grill, and the late, great, conservationist Gige Darey, whom he worked at the Mount in Lenox and enjoyed many outdoor adventures. Always upbeat, funny and quick with a joke, Luke was the entertainment at many family croquet matches and brought great humor wherever he traveled.

Besides his parents, he was predeceased by his brother Arthur in 1964. He is survived by his five sisters: Pamela Roberts (Rick Foster) of Lenox, Rebecca Fuore (William) of Lenox, Beatrice Wood (Jefferson) of Holliston, Molly Vreeland (Chris) of West Stockbridge, and Jennifer Grimes (Dayton) of Union Mills, NC and four brothers: Ted (Kelly) of Spring Hill, FL, Paul (Lisa Sauer) of Stockbridge, Peter (Anne Lyons) of Santa Fe, NM and Jonathan (Betsy Strickler) of Lee. He is also survived by nephews Josh and Ian Roberts, Craig and Derek Martin, Robert and Daniel Fuore and Tobias Wood, and nieces Ava and Anna Martin, Donna Wood and Lydia Vreeland, numerous other extended family, and his dear friend Sonny Biasin for whom he was caregiver for many years.

Per Luke's wishes all services will be private. In lieu of flowers, we ask those wishing to honor Luke make a donation in his memory to Kennedy Park, in care of the Roche Funeral Home 120 Main St. Lenox, MA 01240.

Tribute Wall

RW

“ Luke was so much fun to talk to when he was sitting at the fire at the Belvedere in Kennedy Park. His love for the Park shone thru as his many years on the committee were invaluable. Ruth

Ruth Wheeler - May 04, 2025 at 05:53 PM

JS

“ Hello,
All of us at Shakespeare & Company are so sorry for your loss. Kevin Coleman, our Director of Education, remembered Luke and passes on this message:

"I remember him well. Actually all the family members that participated in the plays in those early years, Bea, Becky, Luke and John. Loved them all. Smart, funny, willing, playful and wacky. All of which make the best actors. While I've lost touch with them over the years, they are all very much alive in my memory."

Jaclyn Stevenson - April 09, 2025 at 09:45 AM

GR

“ I never knew that one handed croquet was such a popular sport with the Martin's. Very entertaining at 3:00 on Devon Road.

We are so glad to be in Lee and to have had the opportunity to meet Luke and to hang over a couple of beers.

We will miss him!!

Gige and Alice

George Ryan - April 03, 2025 at 12:22 PM

MR

“ Dear Martin Family:
I'm saddened to know that Luke is gone. He was a wonderful human being, and he was a dear, dear friend. We spent many an evening together as young men, and my memories include adventures and misadventures alike, from many beers here in the park to rock concerts and road trips far away. No night was too dark or too cold for him, and his quick laugh and soulful curiosity lit many a fire. Luke's smile always touched his eyes. Time pulled us apart, as it can, but I will always remember his deep kindness and simple decency. I'm very sorry for your loss.

Matt Rutledge - April 02, 2025 at 08:46 PM

BE

“ Dear Becky, Bobby & Danny and all of Luke's family,
My condolences for your loss. May you all find peace & comfort in all the good memories you share. RIP, Luke.
Sincerely,
BeckyKnox (former Gr. 3 teacher)



BeckyKnox - March 31, 2025 at 11:31 AM

NE

“ Dear Martin Family,
I'm so sorry to hear of Luke's passing. He always had a smile on his face in High School, and if I didn't, he'd give me a reason to. Always happy. He liked the word...indubitably....walking past each other in the hallway (at the Old High School), I'd say "what's the word of the day"?...he'd say with a smile "indubitably", and we both smiled.
Rest in Peace Luke 🙏

Nelanne Corbett

Nelanne - March 30, 2025 at 03:09 PM

JW

“ Dear Martin Family,
I want you to know how very sorry I am to hear of Luke's passing. I met Luke when I was volunteering for the Youth Commission in Lee. He went out of his way to work on the Marble Street ball field quite often, with no expectation of thanks from anyone. What a pleasure it was to get to know such a generous person. My husband came home one day and told me there was a nice guy on our street cleaning up the roadside. Upon investigation, I was thrilled to say hello to Luke, once again giving of himself with no desire for any fanfare about his work. He told me he just enjoyed doing the work and expected nothing in return. Please know he is remembered fondly by my family and the Youth Commission.

Janet Warner - March 30, 2025 at 11:43 AM

DK

“ We send our condolences to the entire Martin family but know that Luke is now sitting by a bonfire with a beer in his hand solving the problems of the world.
David & Joanne Keator

David Keator - March 30, 2025 at 09:59 AM

CR

“ We are sending are condolences to the whole Martin family on the passing of Luke. I spent many days with the Martin boys growing up in Lenox and will always remember how welcoming and caring you all were. Mrs. Martins biscuits were always the best. Please accept our prayers and love.
Chris and Jasmine Ryan ❤️

Chris Ryan - March 29, 2025 at 02:39 PM

DE

“ *Sad moment today however leaving a lasting legacy of good spirit and skilled work accomplished to this household. Sincere condolences to Molly, Chris and all his family
Judy and Lionel*

Delevingne - March 29, 2025 at 09:27 AM

MK

“ *We were saddened to learn of Luke's passing. He was so much a part of our
Berkshire life. Caring, dependable, funny, talented....most of all, our
friend.
Margaret and Richard Kronenberg*

Margaret Kronenberg - March 29, 2025 at 07:50 AM